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MEETING:	Dearne Area Council
DATE:	Monday 21 November 2022
TIME:	2.00 pm
VENUE:	Meeting Room, Goldthorpe Library

AGENDA

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Minutes

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- 3 B:Friend Update
- 4 Young People - Angie Kelly

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- 10 Notes from the Dearne Ward Alliances (Dac.21.11.2022/10) (Pages 43 - 56)
Dearne South Ward Alliances, held on 2nd August and 4th October, 2022
Dearne North Ward Alliance, held on 9th August and 11th October, 2022
- 11 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Dac.21.11.2022/11) (Pages 57 - 62)

To: Chair and Members of Dearne Area Council:-

Councillors Coates (Chair), Bellamy, Bowler, Cain, Danforth and Gardiner

Area Council Support Officers:

Paul Castle, Dearne Area Council Senior Management Link Officer
Claire Dawson, Dearne Area Council Manager
Rachel Payling, Head of Service, Stronger Communities
Peter Mirfin, Governance Manager
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Julia Burrows, Executive Director Public Health and Communities
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Friday 11 November 2022



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MINUTES

Present Councillors Coates (Chair), Bellamy, Bowler and Danforth

1 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

There were no declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests.

2 Minutes of the Dearne Area Council Meeting held on 17th January, 2022 (Dac.11.7.2022/2)

The meeting received the minutes from the Dearne Area Council held on 17th January, 2022, the notes of the informal meeting of the Dearne Area Council held on the 14th March, 2022 and the minutes of the inquorate meeting of the Dearne Area Council held on 16th May, 2022.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the minutes of the Dearne Area Council meeting held on 17th January, 2022 be approved as a true and correct record;
- (ii) that the notes of the informal meeting of the Dearne Area Council held on 14th March, 2022 be noted; and
- (iii) that the minutes of the inquorate Dearne Area Council meeting held on 16th May, 2022 be approved as a true and correct record.

3 Dearne Electronic Community Village Update - Rory Garforth

Rory Garforth, Dearne Electronic Village Ltd, was welcomed to the meeting.

Members were updated on the Assisted Employment Project. 25 learners had received support since April, 2022 with all session taking place at the Lifelong Learning Centre, Thurnscoe Library. All learners who joined received an initial assessment on IT, Maths and English and following that an individual learning plan was put in place.

Members heard how 6 learners had passed their courses since joining in April, 2022 and how that number was expected to increase. Work to aid learners in searching for jobs had also been undertaken in order to meet the requirements of the Job Centre. It was reported that the awarding body would be changing from OCR to Pearson due to them removing their digital skills qualifications.

Around 7 learners had gone on to find employment varying from customer service advisor, care worker, gardener and teaching assistant, amongst others. It was reported that 2 volunteers had started post lockdown.

It was reported that the project had been funded for 3 days per week, but that an additional grant from a different pot of money had been successful resulting in a further 2 days being funded bringing the capacity to the full 5 days per week. Member enquired as to how many people were seen within the working week and it was reported that around 25 people were seen a week on either a one to one basis or in small groups of up to 3 people and that most people seen were referrals from the Job Centre or via advertisements on social media.

Members were informed that the most needed courses of English and maths had previously been delivered through Dearne Valley College but that had ceased and conversations were ongoing with Adult Learning in order to provide these courses going forward.

RESOLVED that thanks be given for the presentation and update and that Rory be thanked for all his hard work.

4 Twigg's Grounds Maintenance Update - John Twigg

John Twigg and Adam Roberts from Twigg's Grounds Maintenance Ltd, were welcomed to the meeting.

Members were provided with an update on the work undertaken and informed that for the quarter 53 new volunteers had started equating to 285 overall and totalling 1,145 volunteer hours giving a social return of £15,625.85.

It was reported that 46 sessions had been held with 11 existing community groups but that no new groups were being formed and that some older groups were diminishing. 9 collaboration events had taken place with businesses and Berneslai Homes and 366 sacks of waste had been taken away with 4 cases of flytipping being reported back to the council.

Members questioned whether Twigg's had been able to cover all contracted hours with the information regarding being without a member of staff due to injury, it was reported that whilst all hours could not be covered fully, the main events and requests for works were being covered in the area. It was also reported that a schedule of works had been created from the Barnsley MBC Neighbourhoods service which had helped in avoiding duplication or missing something.

The issue around removal of purple volunteer bags and whose responsibility it was to oversee that was raised, members were informed that this was the responsibility of Neighbourhood Services but that Twigg's had helped out during the pandemic to remove purple sacks as and when required.

Members queried the level of training given to new volunteers, whether training on how to deal with sharps for example was provided. It was reported that there was no specific training course but that an informal chat was provided on handing over the volunteer packs.

Members were informed of the positive change in the upsurge in number of volunteers that had been seen since the start of the project in 2014, when it was reported that people had to be enticed in to help and now people voluntarily came forward.

RESOLVED that thanks be given to John Twigg and Adam Roberts for the presentation and update and all the hard work the Twiggs Team were doing in the Dearne Area.

5 Best Bar None Awards - Darryl Hand

Darryl Hand, Neighbourhood Engagement Officer, was welcomed to the meeting to provide members with an update on the Best Bar None Scheme.

Members were informed that the Best Bar None Scheme was a national accreditation scheme regulated by the Home Office. In total 9 venues had been accredited in the Dearne Area and around 16 had been identified in total but that there had been insufficient time to have them all accredited. Officers had identified a number of other venues to include in the future scheme such as cricket clubs and footballs clubs.

Members queried how venues became accredited and were informed that there was a list of 90 questions, mostly set by a national team but that some local schemes had been included such as pub watch which is a local safeguarding scheme. Out of the 9 accreditations, 6 of those venues also received awards at the awards evening.

For those venues that had either none or very few of the standards such as first aid training, public liability cover or a licence to record people on CCTV, a number of visits and information had been passed onto them in order to get them up to standard. Plans were in place to review what could be improved upon and that venues were already in contact who wished to take part in the future. Councillors requested a copy of the Best Bar None criteria and information packs that were distributed to licensees.

RESOLVED that thanks be given to Darryl for the update and all the hard work that had been undertaken in pulling together the Best Bar None scheme in the area.

6 Future Commissioning Report (Dac.11.7.2022/6)

The Area Manager introduced the item, referring to the Tackling the Environment commission provided by Twiggs Grounds Maintenance which was due to end in March, 2023.

Members were informed of the choices they had going forward which were outlined in the report and also how some aspects of the specification had changed for the new commission. In considering the choices set out for the service, members were minded to choose Option B to recommission the service at a cost of £90,000 per annum with an up lift of 3% for the second year.

Members attention was then drawn to the Housing and Cohesion Officer post funded by the Area Council which was due to end in March, 2023. Members were provided

with the 2 options set out in the report and informed that if at any time the Area Council wished to cease with the commission of the officer then any redundancy costs would be covered by the Safer Neighbourhood Service.

In considering the options members reiterated the importance of the proactive role in the Dearne Area and were minded to choose Option B to commission the post for 2 years at a cost of £33,277 for the first year and £33,967 for the second year.

Members were provided with an update on the Dearne Development Fund and requested to approve a further £30,000 into the budget from the Area Council Funds in order to approve projects that meet with the Area Council priorities in a timely manner. Following the publication of the report a further grant had been approved leaving a total of £5,976.41 in the pot.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the options set out in the report for future Dearne Area Council commissions be noted;
- (ii) that the specification for the Tackling the Environment Commission be approved and that approval be given to procure this service for 2 years at a cost of £90,000 for the first year with a 3% uplift in the second year;
- (iii) that the Housing and Cohesion Officer service level agreement be approved for a further 2 years at a cost of £33,277 for the first year and £33,967 for the second year; and
- (iv) that the allocation of £30,000 into the Dearne Development Fund budget be approved.

7 Dearne Area Council Financial Update (Dac.11.7.2022/7)

The Area Council Manager provided members with an update in relation to the financial position of the Area Council.

From a starting balance of £256,980.34, after all allocated spending of £197,277 on various commissions leaving a total of £59,703.34 to spend on Dearne area priorities during the 2022/23 financial year.

In addition members were updated on the Dearne Development which had since commissioned a further grant of £6,000 leaving a total of £5,976.41.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

8 Notes from the Dearne Ward Alliances held on 17th May, 2022 (Dac.11.7.2022/8)

The meeting received the notes from the Dearne North Ward Alliance and Dearne South Ward Alliance held on 17th May, 2022.

Dearne South had received a presentation from Caroline Oxley and Elaine Oliver from Adults, Skills and Community Learning with regards to training that could be provided locally for residents wishing to improve their skills and training whilst gaining qualifications. Three applications for funding had been received including the bulky rubbish extension. The planning of future events was underway with the funding of a Shake Rattle and Roll event and a Christmas event in St Andrews Square.

Dearne North had remained a virtual meeting and the newly elected member was welcomed and Caroline Oxley and Elaine Oliver had attended to provide members with the same update as had been presented to the Dearne South Ward Alliance. Focus was primarily around forthcoming projects from the action plan and how that could be supported by Alliance Members. Four applications for funding had been submitted and approved including bulky rubbish extension for 12 months, hanging baskets contribution, Thurnscoe Flower Park to hold 'Pictures in the Park' supported by the area team and St Helen's church hall for jubilee celebrations.

RESOLVED that the notes from the respective Ward Alliances be received

9 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Dac.11.7.2022/9)

The Area Council Manager spoke to the report circulated.

The Dearne North Ward Alliance had a starting budget for the 2022/23 financial year of £11,186.89 which included an underspend of £1,324.89 from the 2021/22 budget. Four projects had been supported totalling £3,220.00 leaving a balance of £7,966.89.

The Dearne South Ward Alliance had a starting balance of £15,817.72 for the 2022/23 financial year which included an underspend of £5,817.72 from the 2021/22 budget. Three projects had been supported at a cost of £5,500 leaving a balance of £10,542.72.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

Chair

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Dearne Area Council Performance Report



Area Council Priorities

The providers listed have been appointed to deliver a series of services that address the priorities and deliver the outcomes and social value objectives for the Dearne Area Council.

Provider	Service	Contract Value/length	Contract end date	Priority	2030
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B:friend	Social connectivity	£28,000 per annum	Funded until end of July 2025		
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Commissions

TWIGGS
Grounds Maintenance LTD



The quarter started with The Great British Spring Clean which along with the good weather helped increase volunteer numbers and participation. The work that took place had a positive impact on the environment and the social interaction also an impact on physical and mental health, helping to address public health priorities. Community efforts were boosted with work in the lead up to Easter events and celebration for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with volunteer groups, and community organisations.

Twiggs



286 volunteers worked with on events

53 new volunteers

1140 volunteer hours at Twiggs events

366 rubbish bags filled

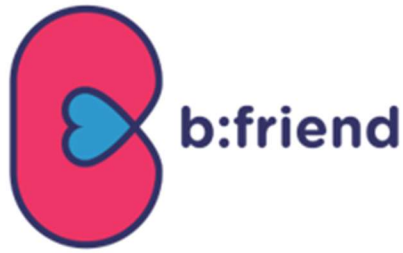
12 areas targeted in proactive and reactive work

4 fly tipping cases reported



Carrfield Primary Academy

Pupils were taught how to create habitat piles to encourage wildlife, horticulture management as well as general grounds management. The upskilling sessions ran throughout the spring and summer terms on the school grounds and also in the community. In total 13 sessions took place with between 20-30 pupils attending each and volunteers helping out on the bigger projects. As well as the skills learnt the sessions 77 sacks of rubbish were also collected and removed.



The social clubs in Thurnscoe and Bolton are now stable for the first time in a couple of year with around 20 attending each session. The new group aimed at providing for men is now on the way to becoming established with most of the meetings taking place at the Snap Tin but the location will continue to be flexible to encourage more men to join. There's has been a dip in the number of in volunteers coming forward this has been noticed in the other areas b:friend work so is not only a Dearne issue. Work has started to address this including an advertising feature in the Weekender. Work continued with existing community groups. A new link has been built with Robert Ogden with students helping in Bolton as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze award. B:friend's work was also recognised with the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service in this quarter.

b:friend



98 isolating older neighbours supported

418 hours of 1:1 befriender interactions

65 hours of staff visits/calls

48 volunteers

8 new volunteers

52 hours of group social activities





Muriel



Muriel used to attend the Thurnscoe Social club in 2019, but had to stop coming as her mobility was declining. She wasn't initially sure if she wanted a befriender but after experiencing isolation during the first lockdowns she changed her mind. Muriel was paired with Lisa over the telephone and they met in person after a few weeks. The pair hit it off straight away and have been friends for a year now. Muriel has said that 1:1 befriending has made such a difference to her as it has given her a new friend and something to look forward to each week. Muriel admits that she is quite a shy person and that she wasn't sure if this would work for her but she is so glad she gave it a chance. Muriel says "it's a lovely relationship we've got. She's so genuine It really has made a difference to me"



The three days a week of class learning is fully booked, those unable to attend in person due to health issues have dedicated phone/internet support. The number of new enrolments continues to increase, as footfall in the library returns and the DWP start to return to face to face with clients. All learners are signed up for the Learn My Way and Make it Click resources in partnership with the in partnership with Good Things Foundation to provide extra employability skills. Due to the close nature of learning additional help with PIP/Council tax/Housing advice is provided and referral made to other services for example DIAL

Barnsley. In the autumn, OCR will no longer offer an ICT qualification all learners currently on the course will complete the qualification suitable alternatives are being explored at the equivalent level 1 and 2.

DECV



24 people learning

6 learner achieving qualifications

6 learners into employment

6 learners into further training



Paul

Paul worked in a factory/warehouse for the past 30 years doing physical work. After he was made redundant through ill health he can no longer do those demanding tasks.

He knew that his very basic IT skills would need to be improved and qualifications would be key to securing work in the future. Paul was initially quite nervous when he enrolled, this was the first learning he had done in quite some time and he had bad learning experience in the past.

He is now working towards a level 2 qualification has created a CV and using all the major job sites to search and apply for roles. His new skills also allow him to report on his journal on the DWP website.

Paul says: "I didn't really think I needed that much help as I know a few basics. After an hour with Rory I realised there's so much more to learn, especially as I'd like employment which may use computers in the future. I am about to start my Level 2 and job search is now going well and I can also do this at home. Brill, thanks Rory and all at the library."



Private Sector Housing Enforcement

A new officer came into post part way through this quarter. As such this has been the start of a learning period but whole range of issues such as Anti-Social Behaviour, Environmental, Private Sector Housing, Fly tipping and Littering have been dealt with in this quarter. There has been a particular issues with waste on permises, fly tipping. Some of these were dealt on an informal basis, either speaking to the tenant/occupier or just sending a general advice. A monthly drop in session at the Salvation Army in Goldthorpe has been established to assist on issues work will continue to build relationships with residents, the community and partners.

Housing Enforcement



66 reports made

7 properties improved

12 people helped into positive changes

95 fly tipping reported

10 houses supported to responsibly
recycle or dispose waste

12 houses making improvements after
first contact

Case Study

A proactive walkabout in Bolton upon Dearne revealed a rear garden that was badly overgrown with items of furniture dumped and a large amount of loosely bagged household waste. Rats and other vermin had already been reported and this property was likely one of the biggest contributors to the issue.

Investigations from the Private Sector Housing & Environment Officer showed that, on balance, the tenant was the stumbling block to the issue being resolved. Following negotiations and appropriate time an enforcement order was placed on the tenant which was followed soon after resulting in the waste being removed. This helped build a good relationship with the landlord who thanked the officer for helping solve the issues.

Waste on Premises



Dearne Development Fund



The advice service has supported clients with a variety of different issues, but as in previous years, the most common are Benefits and Tax Credits, Debt, and Universal Credit. As well as improved financial outcomes the support provided by the advice service also helps to improve health and wellbeing, reduces client stress, and improve resilience by increasing the client's ability to cope through self-help. Most advice has is still being delivered by Adviceline and email services.

Barnsley Citizens Advice

137 people supported

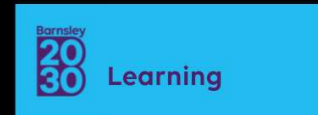
269 issues raised

£4,488 of benefits claimed

£7,825 of debt managed in last 3
quarters



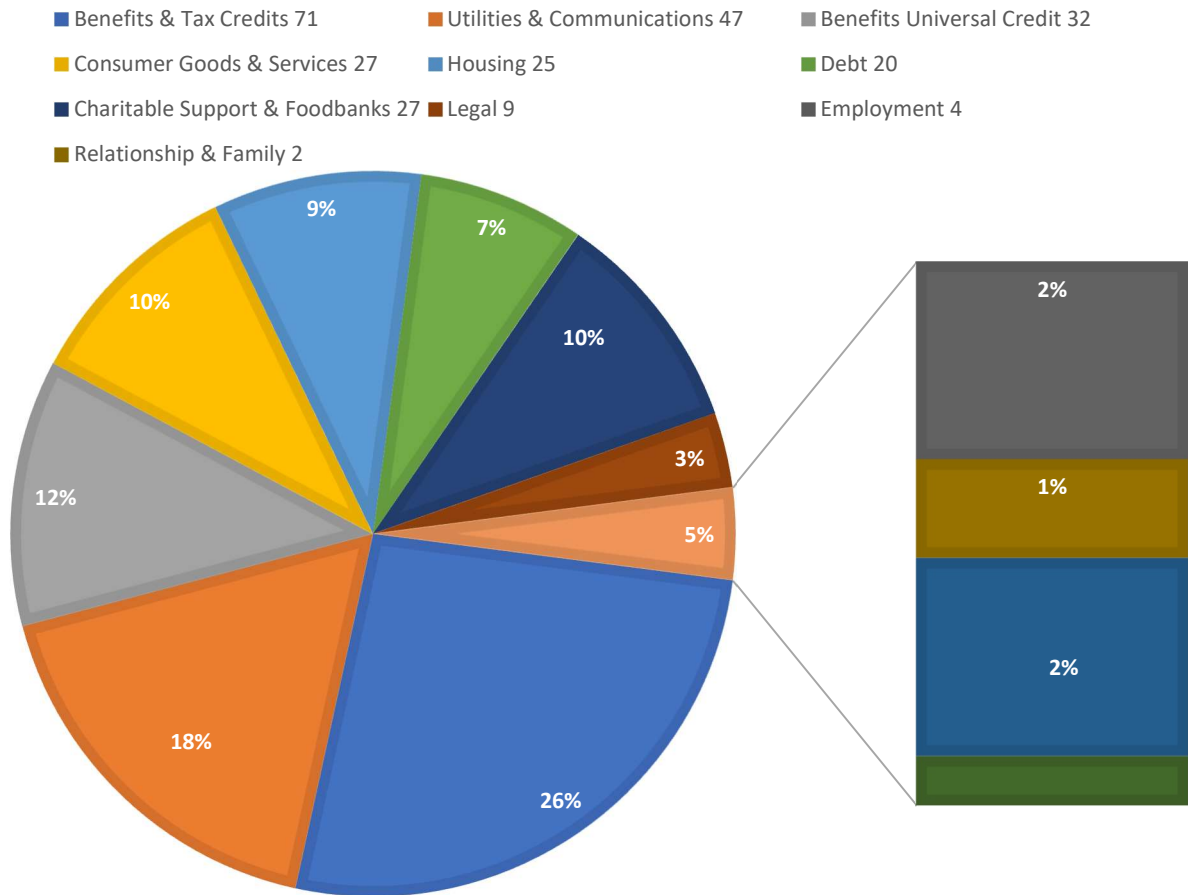
Supporting



Case study

Sandra employed some contractors to complete a couple of jobs in her house but there was a nagging sense of doubt that these workmen weren't legitimate. She feared that they were fabricating difficulties and extra tasks to demand more money from her. She decided to contact Citizens Advice Barnsley to see if they could suggest ways to remedy her situation. The adviser reassured Sandra that raising concerns and reporting work that might be unsafe was the right thing to do - particularly items like gas appliances, where there could be real danger resulting from poor standards of workmanship. He also offered her help in reporting them to Trading Standards if that became necessary. This advice and support gave Sandra the confidence to go back to the contractors with the knowledge that she knew the legal situation and able to return to Citizens Advice Barnsley if needed.

CAB ISSUES DELT WITH



DIAL reduces the financial exclusion of residents and work towards lowering anxiety. During the last quarter, they concentrated on telephone appointments for form completion and advice along with reintroducing face to face outreach sessions which started in June. 63 people received comprehensive telephone advice 26 were helped to fill in forms over the phone and 22 people were seen in person. DIAL also introduced safe and well checks to support vulnerable residents who were either shielding or self-isolating. Since start of project each £1 spent has returned £23 into the Dearne.

DIAL

Barnsley



111 enquires made this quarter

201 people reported reduced anxiety as a result of using the service

£91,790 benefits claims supported

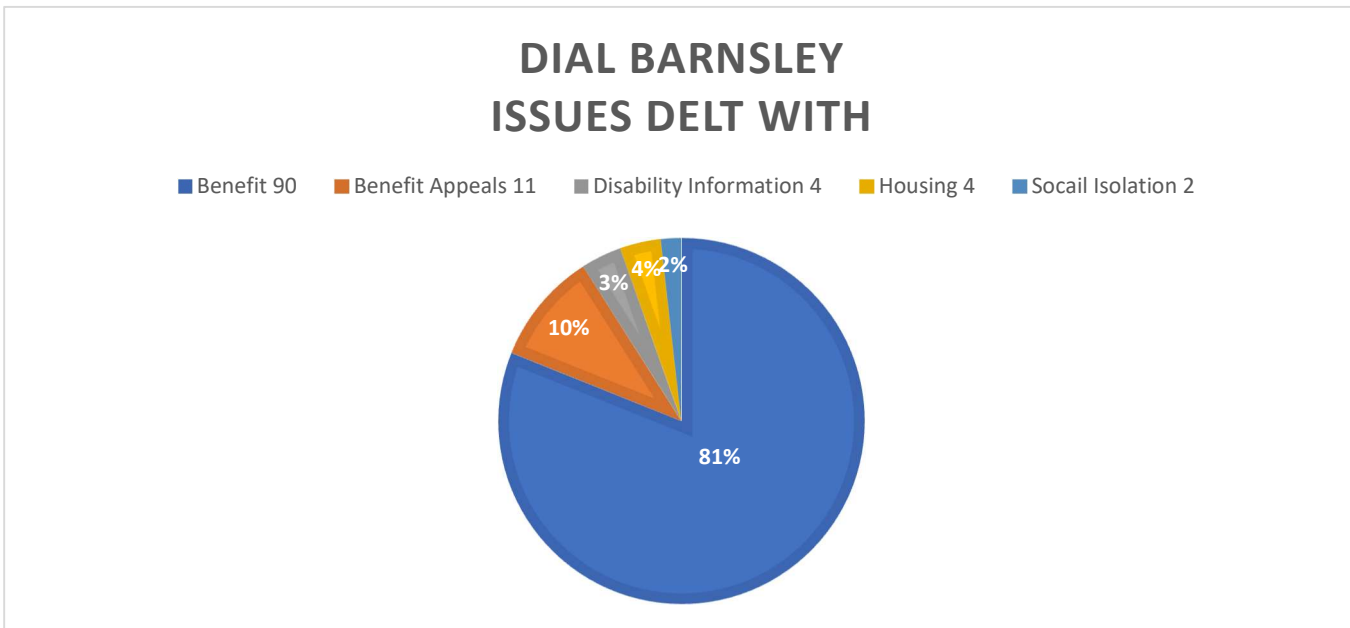
Supporting



Case study

Mrs S is 55 years old has multiple physical illnesses and mental health issues. Her daughter is her care giver as she struggles with mobility. She had been through the PIP process but was only awarded a small amount with the assessor not fully understanding her conditions she felt. DIAL looked over her circumstances and agreed that her care needs and walking difficulties were not fully taken into account. She was supported through the appeals process and awarded the standard rate of £61.85 a week.

Mrs S said: ““I was very upset when my PIP wasn’t awarded. The DIAL adviser was great. He went through the case with me and helped me to explain to them why I disagreed with their decision. This gave me the confidence to see it through.”



Goldthorpe Development Group

The Older Generation Get Together events continue to be buffet style but to allow a COVID safe environment for volunteers and guests. As well as the usual entertainment the March meeting the Violence Reduction Unit, from the South Yorkshire Police attended. They gave a presentation and listened to concerns and worries to feedback the local issues.

Older Generation Get Together

143 people attending

29 volunteers assisting





Supporting



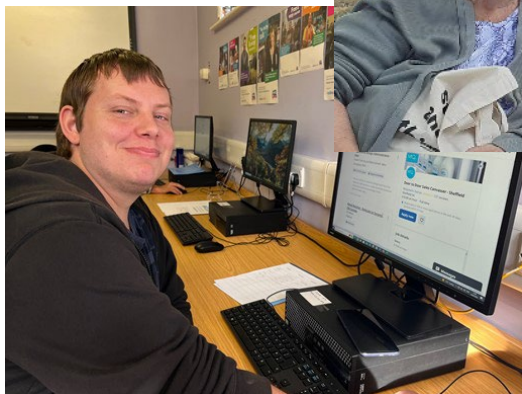
Case study

There was no event in April due to Easter but events took place in May and June. There are now a good group of volunteers who help at the events, all willing to take up their assigned roles and help the event go smoothly. The May meeting was a VE celebration which was so well attended that the event was at capacity. This was ideal as the 'Winter Warmer' pack were being distributed by the group thanks to funding from the Dearne Area Team via their Local Support Grant (additional government money) these will hopefully make the coming winter more comfortable. Entertainment was 1940's themed and the performer Lady Kingsnorth made a very good impression on everyone. The June meeting was a Platinum Jubilee Party and was once again an enjoyable afternoon with great feedback from those attending.

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July to September 2022

Dearne Area Council Performance Report



Barnsley - the place
of possibilities.



Dearne Area Council
Dearne North, Dearne South

Area Council Priorities

Health and Wellbeing



Young People



Local Economy



Skills for Work



Our Environment



Barnsley 2030 priorities
























Barnsley 2030 Sustainable

Barnsley 2030 Growing

Barnsley 2030 Healthy

Barnsley 2030 Learning

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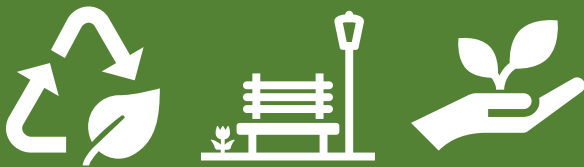
TWIGGS

Grounds Maintenance LTD



The good weather over the summer made for a busy period with a number of community events and good volunteer numbers and participation. As always, the work not only had a positive impact on the local environment, but the volunteering opportunities had further effects on social and community interaction meaning a constructive impact on physical and mental health, helping to address public health priorities.

Twiggs



257 volunteers worked with on events

28 new volunteers

786 volunteer hours at Twiggs events

305 rubbish bags filled

17 areas targeted in proactive and reactive work

2 fly tipping cases reported




Community Work with GXO

There have been several sessions with local employer GXO Logistics (ASOS) – Thurnscoe volunteers from the organisation supported by their employer with time off in works time have targeted Houghton Road and Rainbow community centres as well as general street activity. They focused on horticultural and general tidy ups, cutting down overgrowth as well as removing moss and weeds. Forty two people attended these sessions contributing 167 hours and removing 77 sacks of waste. The great attendance led to the volunteers supporting other community volunteer sessions organised by the Area Team and Ward Alliances.



The social clubs have welcome new members of various ages as well as the 1to1 work to support people. A new partnership with Barnsley Older Person's Physical Activity Alliance (BOPPAA) led by Age UK Barnsley has started. This work has included new falls prevention, exercise classes and a functional fitness 'MOT'. Work has started to encourage new volunteers to come forward including an advertising feature in the Weekender with some success. The newly established link with Robert Ogden now see students helping in Thurnscoe as well as Bolton as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze award.

b:friend



- 105 isolating older neighbours supported
- 418 hours of 1:1 befriender interactions
- 65 hours of staff visits/calls
- 65 volunteers
- 7 new volunteers
- 64 hours of group social activities



Joe



Joe had been paired with a telephone befriender during the lockdown but the pairing had ended due to the volunteers work commitments increasing. Joe was then matched with Jim who is actually a little older than Joe. At their first visit Jim encouraged to join the Thurnscoe social club, telling him it would do him good to get out and socialise more as he has use of a mobility scooter. The following week Joe attended his first session and has not missed one yet. Joe even joined us on a trip to Cannon Hall a week after his first session! Joe continues to enjoy weekly visits from Jim and a weekly morning out at the Social Club. Joe says "I'm right glad I came, I actually know a few people here!"



The three days a week of class learning is fully booked, those unable to attend in person due to health issues have dedicated phone/internet support. onto online learning + OCR ICT Award. All learners are also undertaking Employability Skills sessions, extra learning is in partnership with Good Things Foundation using the Learn My Way and Make it Click resources. Due to the close nature of learning additional help with PIP/Council tax/Housing advice is provided and referral made to other services for example DIAL Barnsley. During recent months there has been an increase in people aged 70+ looking to return to work wanting help with CVs and application. A common theme is they are struggling with the cost of living.

DECV



18 people learning

12 learner achieving qualifications

5 learners into employment

24 learners into further training



Karen

Karen had been out of work for 2 months and hadn't needed a new CV before. She had little experience of the Internet and had never used emails / attachments but had some skills using a smart phone

She began an ITC course and put together a CV, email account and started job searches which were all big steps for someone who hadn't used a computer or have access to one at home. Support was also given to set up Universal Credit and associated DWP access.

With this support Karen managed to apply for several jobs and within 2 months was able to secure a job with Home Bargains a position she was really happy with. She continued to attend the centre on her days off to complete her qualifications.

She says: "I knew that job applications were all done on a computer nowadays but kept putting it off learning. This was a wakeup call. Should have done this years ago. Thanks for the patience and helping me Rory!"



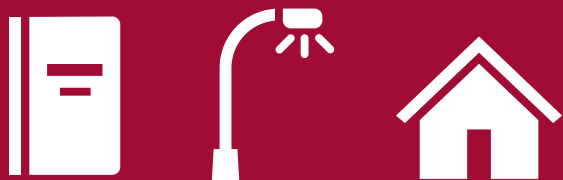
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Private Sector Housing Enforcement

This is the first full quarter for the new officer with whole range of issues such as Anti-Social Behaviour, Environmental, Private Sector Housing, Fly tipping and Littering have been dealt with. There has been a particular issues with waste on permises, fly tipping. Some of these were dealt on an informal basis, either speaking to the tenant/occupier or just sending a general advice. More monthly drop in session at the Libraries have been added to the calendar along with attending events at Salvation Army, Snap Tin in

Goldthorpe and Family Centre in Thurnscoe for the general public. Work has begun to build relationships with partners such as Berneslai Homes.

Housing Enforcement



112 reports made

4 properties improved

32 contacts with household waste on premises

128 fly tipping reported

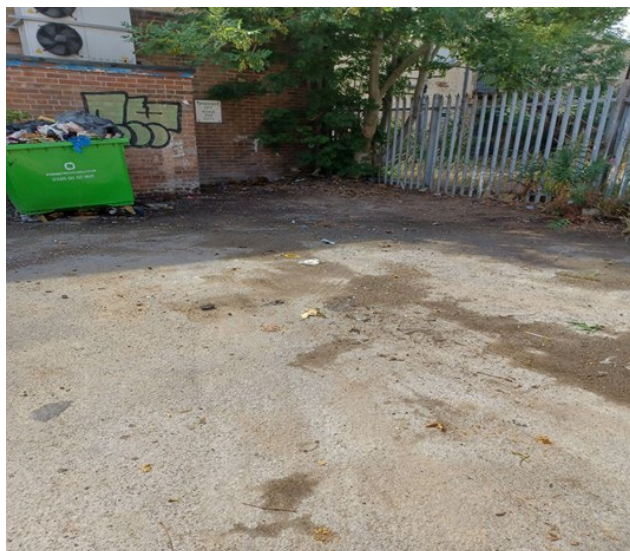
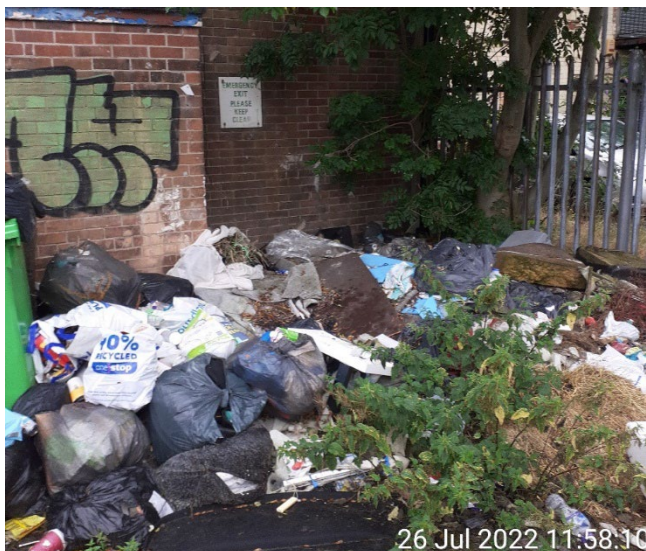
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Barnsley Citizens Advice

106 people supported

131 issues raised

£6,570 of benefits claimed

£8,751 of debt managed in last 12 months



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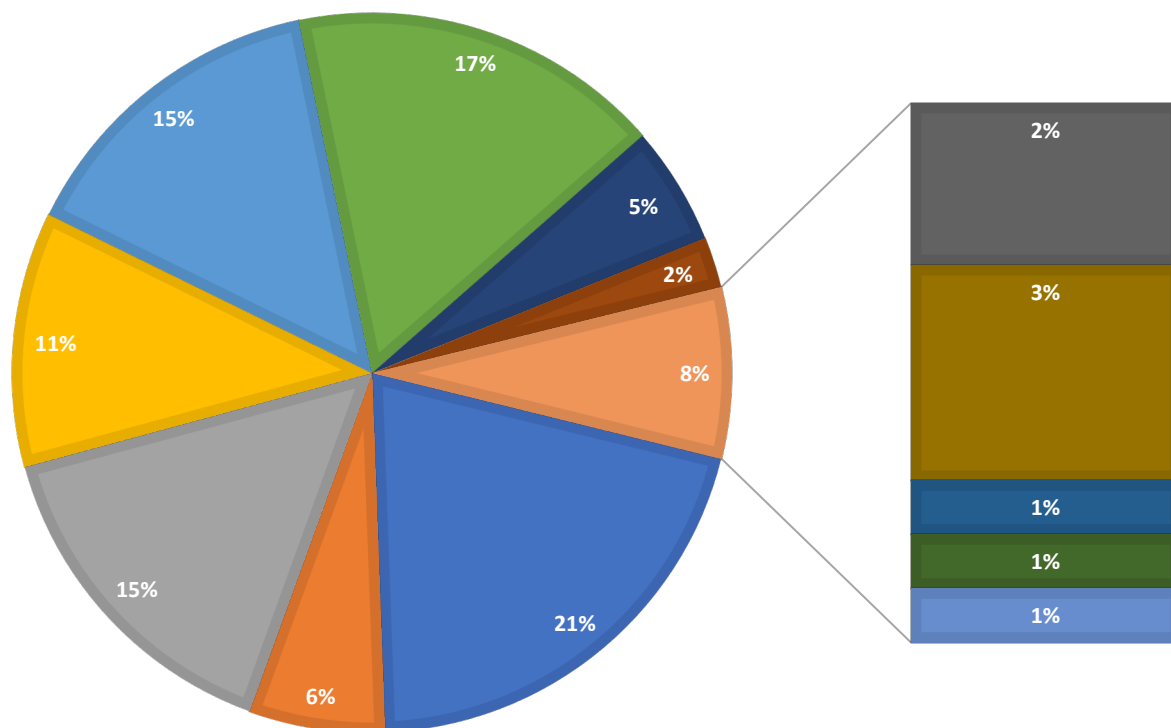


Case study

Martin (not real name) shares custody of his son with his ex-partner but recently his son was spending more time with Martin. He was surprised to receive a number of letters about Child Maintenance payments even though he was paying for clothes and outings. He decided to contact Citizens Advice Barnsley to see if they could suggest ways to remedy the situation. The adviser explained that he could use the online Child Maintenance calculator to work out if what he was being asked to pay was fair and the process Martin could take if he wanted to challenge the situation. The adviser was also sensitive to the fact that issues like this go beyond a financial issue so supplied details of mediation services, organisations that could offer him support such as the Family Rights Group and of counselling services available to his son. This way Martin could consider the best way forward and count on Citizens Advice Barnsley for support.

CITIZENS ADVICE BARNSLEY ISSUES DEALT WITH

- Benefits & Tax Credits 27
- Relationship & Family 15
- Utilities & Communications 7
- Discrimination & Hate 4
- Other 1
- Benefits Universal Credit 8
- Employment 19
- Charitable Support & Foodbanks 3
- Legal 1
- Debt 20
- Housing 22
- Health & Community Care 3
- Travel & Transport 1





DIAL reduced the financial exclusion of residents and work towards lowering anxiety. During the last quarter, they concentrated on telephone appointments for form completion and advice along with reintroducing face to face outreach sessions in the summer. 124 people received comprehensive telephone advice 61 received face to face advice. Since start of project each £1 spent has returned £31.82 into the Dearne.

DIAL Barnsley

61 enquires made this quarter

257 people reported reduced anxiety as a result of using the service to date

£244,255 benefits claims supported to date



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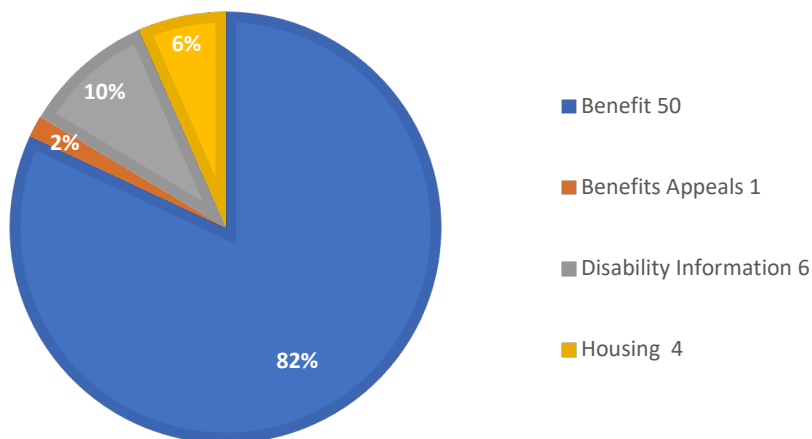


Case study

Mr H is 76 years old has Arthritis in all his joints. He has very poor mobility He has had a few falls in the last year and no longer feels safe to be on his own. His wife has to be with him as much as possible to keep an eye on him, in case he falls, as he cannot get himself back up. She also has to help him with his care needs, getting around the house, getting in and out of the shower, washing, dressing, making his meals. A family member advised him that he may qualify for Attendance Allowance as he needs daily help with his care needs. He rang for the form but found it very daunting and a little confusing. He attended an appointment at the Goldthorpe outreach. The result was £92.40 per week for personal care during the day and night.

Mr H said: “When the form came I would have just thrown it away, as it was so big and looked so complicated. I spoke to DIAL and they helped me to complete the form. I am very pleased that there was someone like DIAL to help me.”

DIAL BARNESLEY ISSUES DELT WITH



Goldthorpe Development Group

The Older Generation Get Together events provide a monthly afternoon event with food and entertainment. This is a volunteer led event but often partners such as Age UK Barnsley, South Yorkshire Police will attend to pass on useful information. September's event was interrupted when one of the guests felt unwell and needed to be taken away by ambulance.

Older Generation Get Together

188 people attending (Estimated)

38 volunteers assisting



Supporting



Case study

Despite losing some volunteers who have given years of service to the group there has been new people coming forward to help out. With the new faces helping with organising the committee it was decided to conduct a survey about the direction for the future. As well as new suggestion about the entertainment and food there were comments about introducing elements which happened regularly before the pandemic such as including the care homes and dementia group back and inviting Astra Academy students to help. These are all suggestions that the committee will look into as well working with existing groups and organisations such as the recent link up with Anita at the Snap Tin Community Hub.

BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**Dearne Area Council Meeting:
21st November 2022**

**Report of Dearne Area Council
Manager**

Welfare Reform Review

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 To apprise Members of locality-based review of welfare services provision.

2. Recommendations

2.1. **Members refer to sections 3 to 7 of this report and discuss, with additional insights from the anti-poverty priority working group.**

2.2. **Members review the options available, section 8 and agree the preferred option for the Dearne Area.**

2.3. **An Area Council workshop is arranged to take forward the preferred option.**

3. Background

3.1. BMBC, through our Healthier Communities Service, currently funds a town centre-based core welfare provision offering information, advice and guidance.

3.2. Across the borough a range of different provision is currently in place to support communities. This provision is funded by both Area Council's and Ward Alliances. The provision varies significantly in terms of scale across the borough.

3.3. The feasibility of a universal borough wide hub and spoke model was explored through a review led by colleagues in Healthier Communities, but the funding is not available in order to expand the existing centrally commissioned provision. However, the potential efficiency in commissioning practice was identified as we currently have several different commissioning arrangements.

3.4. The Area Councils have been requested to review their arrangements for the commissioning and procurement of welfare services to determine whether there is any efficiency which can be derived from a more coordinated approach.

3.5. Dearne currently have a contract with CAB until October 2022 and DIAL until December 2023 both are paid for through the Dearne Development Fund.

4. Area Council Provision

All Area Councils have provided data for all locality-based advice services to evidence the level of demand in each area in order to steer the initial review. The data that was provided covers the periods 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22, and indicates there has been demand for advice services across the borough during these periods.

The data shows a significant increase in utilisation between 2019/20 and 2020/21, which is maintained in the first half of 2021/22. As the increase coincides with the covid pandemic, it is assumed that this is either due to services being able to accept more referrals when not providing face to face clinic, and/or, an increase in demand linked to issues relating to the pandemic. Within the Dearne, welfare advice services operate 13 hours per week and during 2021 had 746 cases. It is anticipated that requests for such services will increase due to the increase in costs that many families are facing.

5. Opportunities identified

- 5.1. Combined commissioning provides an opportunity to condense the management fees
- 5.2. Encourage collaborative tendering by providers to co-deliver
- 5.3. The providers are all operating to the same standards and are AQS accredited.
- 5.4. The 'approved provider' list is concise.
- 5.5. Standardised collection of performance data to compare data between different areas.

6. Threats identified

- 6.1. The increase in the cost of living will require an uplift in contract value when contracts are renewed to ensure the same standards of provision can be maintained or reduced delivery expectations to reflect the financial envelope.

7. Options

- 7.1. Do not continue to fund a locality-based welfare provision service
- 7.2. Continue to commission a welfare provision service for the Dearne Area on an independent cycle, based on local need through the Dearne Development Fund
- 7.3. Align commissioning cycles and procure provision for multiple areas in one process, using different lots for individual area councils.

8. Next Steps

- 8.1. The Area Manager will arrange a further workshop to work up a delivery model for the priority, with the support of specialist officers.

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5th September 2022

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

DEARNE AREA COUNCIL 21st November 2022

**Report of the
Dearne Area Council Manager**

Commissioning update

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is for members to receive an update with regards Dearne Area Council commissioned services.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That members receive the update on the Dearne Area Council commissions.
- 2.2 That members agree to a contract extension for one year to the end of March 2024 at a cost of £90,000 with the current provider Twiggs Grounds Maintenance rather than undertaking a full procurement exercise at this time.

3.0 Area Council commissions

3.1 Social inclusion service

The Social Connectivity service specification was agreed at the meeting held on 15th November 2021. B: Friend will continue to deliver their one to one befriending and social groups in the Dearne Area. This service will run from July 2022- end of June 2025. Mike Niles who established the project as now left the organisation and Colette Bunker is now in post and will oversea this contract.

3.2 Housing & Cohesion Officer

The Dearne Area Council has approved the housing and Cohesion officer post until the end of March 2025. The new Housing and Cohesion officer started in post in July 2022 and has made been working around some of the suggested areas as well as working with other groups and partners. Amendments have now been made to the Service Level Agreement and signed off by the Area Chair, Area Manager and Group Leader for Housing Management, Regulation & Service Improvement. The officer as been attending the Salvation Army and other events in the community.

3.3 **Assisting Employment and Skills**

Dearne Electronic Community Village were the successful provider of the employability contract. The contract will run from the end of March 2022 for three years. The Area Team have been assisting in the recruitment of new committee members.

3.4 **Neighbourhood and Engagement Officer Role**

On the 25th of November 2021 members of the Dearne Area Council approved a further two years for the Neighbourhood and Engagement Officer role. This role is now in place until the end of March 2024. The officer as also secured a permanent part time community development officer post therefore costings allocated from the Area Council for the NEO role will be less than projected. The officer as been working with local businesses, groups, and individuals. Over the summer months the team have been instrumental in bringing people together at various events, such as pictures in the park and healthy holidays programme. Most recently the team have had a more money in your pocket event to inform residents about the cost of living, this was a huge success.

3.5 **Environmental service**

The current contract delivered by Twiggs is due to end at the end of March 2023. At various workshops and approved at the Area Council in July 2022 the service specification is now complete and has been shared with the Procurement Team. After discussions with the Procurement Team, it was suggested that a contract extension for one year, to the end of March 2024 at a cost of £90,000, should be granted instead of going out to tender. This will allow time for other Area Councils to have discussions about future procurement and economies of scale. It is recommended that the Area Council approves this as a way forward.

Officer

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21st November 2022

BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

DEARNE AREA COUNCIL 21st November 2022

**Report of the
Dearne Area Council Manager**

Finance

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to update members regarding the Dearne Area Councils financial position.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That members note the current financial position and the impact on future budgets.

3.0 Area Council Financial update

3.1 Committed spend 2022/23

The starting budget for 2022/23 is £256,980. Finances are already committed to the services employment and skills, environment, education and volunteering, social inclusion and the housing and cohesion and neighbourhood and engagement officer post. The neighbourhood and engagement officer was successful in securing a part time community development post, therefore the costings previously agreed and allocated to the full time post has now been reduced. In July 2022 the Area Council also committed £30,000 to the Dearne development Fund. Taking all of the above into consideration the amount allocated to these services is £227,686 leaving £27,552.34 to spend on Dearne area priorities during the 2022/23 financial year.

3.2 2023/24 committed spend

In the next financial year the Area Council have allocated £202,777 of the commissioning budget in order to pay for employment and skills, housing officer, environmental service, social inclusion and the neighbourhood and engagement officer post. Leaving £24,775.34 in the commissioning budget.

3.3 2021/22 Dearne Development Fund

In the last financial year the funds supported four projects that met the Area Councils priorities, Citizens Advice, DIAL, TADS and a contribution towards Goldthorpe Development Groups bounce into summer event and the older persons get together. In July the Area Council agreed a further £30,000 to be

put into the fund and Dial was successful in their application to run for a further year, leaving £25,488.41 in the Dearne development fund.

4.0 See Appendix one for financial breakdown

Appendices

Appendix 1: Financial update

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Appendix One: Financial Update

Area Council Spend	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
Base allocation	£200,000	£200,000	£200,000		
Carry forward	£8,783.34	£55,238.34	£27,552.34		
Total allocation for year	£208,783.34	£255,238.34	£227,552.34		
Employment and skills April-end of March	-£33,000	-£34,000	-£34,000	-£34,000	
Housing and Cohesion Officer Jan -end of March	-£10,183	-£33,186	-£33,277	£33,967	
Dearne Clean & Tidy April-end of March	-£85,000	-£85,000	-£90,000	-£92,700	
Dearne Development Fund	-£30,000	-£30,000			
Social inclusion July-end of June	-£27,000	-£28,000	-£28,000	-£28,000	
NEO post, May- end of April		-£17,500	-£17,500		
Total spend (actual)	£185,183	£227,686	£202,777	£188,667	
Practical support grant	+£31,638				
Overall allocation remaining	£55,238.34	£27,552.34	£24,775.34		

Dearne Development Fund

2022/23 Organisation	Duration of funds	Amount	Total allocation remaining
Approved at the Area Council 24 th May 2021		£30,000	£35,378.41
DIAL	Jan 2022-Dec 2022	£10,235	£25,143.41
CAB	October 2021- October 2022	£8,140	£17,003.41
Goldthorpe Development group BITS	August 2022	£3,000	£14,003.41
TADS	June 2022	£2,027	£11,976.41
Goldthorpe Development group older persons event	July 2022-23	£6,000	£5,976.41
Approved at the Area Council 12 th July 2022		£30,000	£35,976.41
DIAL	Jan 2023-dec 2023	£10,488	£25,488.41

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BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**Report of Dearne Area
Council Manager**

Dearne Area Ward Alliance Notes

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 This report appraises the Dearne Area Council of the progress made by each Ward in relation Ward Alliance action plans and meeting the ward priorities.

2.0 Recommendation

2.1 That the Dearne Area Council receives an update on the progress of the Dearne Ward Alliance for information purposes. Members are reminded of requirement for Ward Alliance minutes to be received by the Area Council.

3.0 Introduction

3.1 This report is set within the context of decisions made on the way the Council is structured to conduct business at Area, Ward and Neighbourhood levels (Cab.21.11.2012/6), Devolved Budget arrangements (Cab16.1.2013/10.3), Officer Support (Cab.13.2.2013/9) and Communities and Area Governance Documentation (Cab.8.5.2013/7.1). This report is submitted on that basis.

4.0 Ward Alliance

4.1 Two Dearne South Ward Alliance meetings have been held in both wards since the last Area Council the Dearne South Ward Alliance was held on 2nd August & 4th October, 2022.

At the first meeting held on 2nd August updates/presentations were given by Andrea Spencer Membership & Engagement Officer at Barnsley Hospital Trust & Governor Malcom Gibson who highlighted a need for representation from the Dearne.

Kevin Frisby the Housing & Cohesion officer gave an update on the issues in Dearne South that he's been dealing with whilst educating them on recycling and referrals through the bulky rubbish scheme.

- Two funding applications were submitted with one approved.

The Dearne South Ward Alliance action plan was officially agreed and signed off and projects have all been agreed and worked on over the next 6 months

Group updates were given by all members of the Ward Alliance who form part of the local groups and work that fits into the development plan.

The 2nd meeting for Dearne South was held on 4th October 2022 where presentations from Laura Sharman (section 106) & Nigel Roberts from Twiggs (followed by a lengthy Q&A)

- Four funding applications were submitted with 2 being approved.

The 6 month performance report was shown and discussed with positive feedback.

The meeting was closed early due to over running and many members having to leave.

- 4.2** Two Dearne North Ward Alliance meetings have been held in both wards since the last Area Council the Dearne South Ward Alliance was held on 9th August & 11th October 2022.

At the first meeting held on 9th August the Community Development Officer spoke in depth about the action plan reading through the priorities after sending the plan out a month before for all the members to have a detailed look at how projects and initiatives would now be worked up around their priorities over the next few months.

Two applications were submitted for recommendation with one for environmental projects being approved.

The 2nd meeting was held on 11th October virtual with Kevin Frisby the Housing & Cohesion officer giving the first update on the issues in Dearne North that he's been dealing with whilst educating them on recycling and referrals through the bulky rubbish scheme.

Nigel from Twiggs then gave a update on the clean-ups the team have carried out and forthcoming projects.

The 6 month performance report was shown to everyone on the Alliance with appraisal for the teams work putting this together.

Group updates were given at both meetings main topic around the cost of living crisis and how the Ward Alliance could help local families on saving energy.

- 4.3** The reporting into the Dearne Area Council for information, of the Ward Alliance, is in line with the approved Council protocols. Notes are for information only.

Appendix One: Dearne South ward Alliance meeting notes
Appendix two: Dearne North ward Alliance meeting notes

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21st November 2022

Dearne South Ward Alliance

MEETING NOTES – by Secretary Donna Gregory

Meeting Title:	Heathercourt flats Bolton on Dearne
Date & Time:	2 nd August 2022 10am till 12pm

Attendees	Apologies
Marie Sinclair (community Development Officer) Cllr Sam Danforth (chair) Cllr Janine bowler (Local Elected member) Alan George (treasurer) Donna Gregory (secretary) Pat Hubery (business owner/Dearne South resident) Michael Moore (allotment group/veterans' group) Denise Hogg (blades) Beth Deakin (project 14) Caroline Hoyland (B.O.D.V.A.G) Guest speaker - Andrea Spencer and community governor rep Malcolm – NHS Barnsley Hospital Trust	Julie Medlam (Dearne playhouse) Michael Bunting (Goldthorpe embankment) Alison Sykes (salvation army) Twiggs Cllr Dorothy Coates

1. Welcome and Introductions

Andrea Spencer membership & engagement officer Barnsley hospital Trust
Malcom Gibson Governor Barnsley hospital Trust

AS gave a detailed presentation on what her job role entailed. Stating her job is to recruit new members for the hospital. Anyone can be a member but only a few can be governors to the hospital. She gave out paperwork for people to apply to be members of the hospital. She gave everyone a booklet showing what being a member and the council of governor's role was.

MG gave his presentation on what it's like to be a governor or part of the council of governors is which he is part of. Their meetings are all over zoom and he enjoys being part of the team. He did express that any help in learning and progressing the NHS put you on any training needed to help aid in being a governor.

Everyone was impressed with what both had to say, and no one knew anyone could be a member of the trust. People signed to become members as AS had said no one in the Dearne were a member but with this one meeting alone quite a few showed they were interested.

Safer neighbourhoods team Kevin Frisby gave a detailed report of his job role and what he brings and helps the community out with. As ex-police officer he knows the struggles people have mentally and physically and likes to treat people with respect and give people the benefit if the doubt if they need help. Everyone had a word with the issues locally and he discussed at length for what he was able to do within his job role and what it entailed.

2. Apologies as stated above

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting and Matters Arising AG and MM true record

4. Area council update – due to Cllr Coates apologies from family matters the Area Council update will be deferred until next meeting

5. Action plan for 2030 for all ward alliances a detailed update from MS on the whole work to do with the Barnsley plan and how it'll work for the future and which areas needed work and which didn't. Everyone had an input on what needs doing and which areas to do. AG and DH said about the shutters up Goldthorpe and for a mural to be put onto them. A long discussion happened afterwards, and everyone had an input onto what impact or lack of would likely happen.

6. Finance

Dearne South Ward Alliance working funds - AG gave a detailed report on the ward alliance funds

Working funds and a reactive fund of £4000, there was £633 for the library ring fenced from before covid, Healthy holidays £1195.01

Dearne South Ward Alliance finances Balance from last meeting £10,542.72

- Application from Snaptin Community Hub to provide a Christmas fayre for monies towards rides on the day but the application was then withdrawn as the figures were incorrect – AG to ask Stacey to resubmit once all figures are right.
- The prospect Road Dearne bowling club applied form for 4 spotlights for £880.00 this was approved was approved by majority however discussions took place regarding the memberships and publicity for matches and new people to join.
- **Balance after agreed applications today - £9662.72**

7. Group updates

BODVAG...CH. Christmas fayre 2022 if enough volunteers come forward, MS stated area team could help with organising this alongside the group.

PROJECT 14...BD ...we're having a charity match to raise funds and I've other things in the pipework which once ironed out I'll let everyone know about.

Snaptin community hub ...AG we're having a Christmas fayre at Astrea Dearne on 2nd December where Father Christmas will be for the children and other stalls of local trades and charities

Veterans club ...MM the breakfast club is doing well, and they all enjoy meeting up

8. AOB – MS reminded everyone for volunteers required for the breakfast Clubs in Dearne South

9. Date and time of next meeting Tuesday 4th October 2022 - Venue to be confirmed

Dearne South Ward Alliance

MEETING NOTES – by Secretary Donna Gregory

Meeting Title:	Heathercourt flats Bolton on Dearne
Date & Time:	4 th October 2022 10am till 1.20pm

Attendees	Apologies
Cllr Sam Danforth (chair) Cllr Dorothy Coates Cllr Janine bowler (Local Elected member) Alan George (treasurer) Donna Gregory (secretary) Pat Hubery (business owner/Dearne South resident) Michael Moore (allotment group/veterans' group) Michael Bunting (Goldthorpe embankment) Alison Sykes (Salvation army) Marie Sinclair (community Development Officer) Laura Sharman (BMBC Section 106 project Officer) Nigel Robert (Twiggs)	Julie Medlam (Dearne playhouse) Denise Hogg (local resident) Caroline Hoyland (B.O.D.V.A.G) Beth Deakin (project 14)

1. **Welcome and Introductions**

Laura Sharman from BMBC (Section 106 update)

Laura did a presentation and showed a slide show on what her job entails. This was about housing and what developers and their commitments towards the communities they develop within the Barnsley borough are. Laura makes sure the commitments agreed are fulfilled once the developments are finished.

The 106 money commitments from a developer helps with affordable housing, education provision, public open spaces, sustainable transport, and biodiversity.

The slide show is to be emailed to the ward alliance after the meeting.

Members asked questions and Laura was very detailed and answered questions

Biodiversity was discussed and the biodiversity officer will be asked to the next meeting to answer the questions Laura couldn't answer, she will pass the details on to Cllr Coates and anyone else who would like their details.

Nigel Robert from Twiggs

Nigel gave a rundown of his job he has done within the are the importance of his role within the community and went into detail of further jobs within the pipeline. He has a tree planting program he is busy now with and is arranging to start back up with the schools and their involvement within the community, this was followed by Q&A

2. **Apologies as stated above**

3. **Minutes of the Last Meeting and Matters Arising** - MM and PH true record with no matters arising

4. **Area council update** – due to the last Area Council meeting being cancelled no update was given

5. **Performance Report for 2022-23 (6 months)**

MS discussed the report and MS answered and thanked Darryl for his work on the pc for putting it together. Everyone agreed Darryl had done an amazing job.

6. **Action plan for 2030 & projects agreed**

MS read through the project plan adding instructions and volunteers for each initiative that the Dearne South members could work on over the next 12 months – All Ward Alliance members were happy with the projects that have come forward from their action plan

7. **Finance**

Dearne South Ward Alliance working funds - AG gave a detailed report on the ward alliance funds

Working funds and a reactive fund of £4408.66, there was £418 for the library ring fenced from before covid, Healthy holidays £1195 & £823 Healthy Holidays, the £4000.00 that was drawn down from the Dearne South Ward Alliance was to help groups, projects that the Dearne South Ward Alliance initiate themselves or small pots of funding that may be needed to help groups/individuals with a idea or community project. The 4 themes agreed for the £4000.00 were on events, green spaces & environmental, health & wellbeing projects, and lastly young people. MS advised the Alliance members that she had received 2 community support applications, but they needed to agree an amount otherwise the £1000 to each category would be spent too early – The Alliance agreed to fund up to £150.00 on small projects in the community but would not pay into individuals bank accounts instead they would either purchase the items or be given through a group itself.

- **Community Support funds** – applications received

Jason Gill wanted to run a Santa sleigh dash handing out selection boxes to children and families that were struggling with the cost of living – he applied for a Santa suit & 200 selection boxes – agreed to purchase £150.00 of selection boxes (MS & AG will buy these nearer the time) conditions they would need to know streets and amounts he'd given out for their monitoring.

Emma Bruce – applied for £30.00 towards a banner to get the Renaissance centre back up and running starting with arts & crafts on an Autumn Fayre, Xmas market ideas so she needed publicity to highlight the building itself – all agreed

- **Applications submitted:**

As some applications had been submitted for over £2000 a discussion took place regarding this in which they all agreed to cap their Ward Alliance funding for bigger amounts to £1500.00 per application from this meeting.

- Brick ponds £2000.00 for website set up & aerator to provide 4 to the pond – **all agreed partial payment of £1200.00** (website part declined)
- Grassroots £3900.00 to provide 3 sports camps for one week around Dearne South – **declined due to value for money** and other centres providing youth projects on smaller budgets alongside this staffing costs the Ward Alliance members do not agree to pay
- TADS £3000 to provide mental health advice on a one to one basis around the Dearne South Schools – **declined due to already have mental health ambassadors & staffing costs**
- Bolton Youth Club £740.00 to provide a volunteer led youth club in Dearne South for 16 weeks – **all agreed with conditions** that DBS checks are provided and sustainability on the room rental moving forward

8. **Group updates**

Snaptin community hub ...AG we're having a Christmas fayre at Astrea Dearne on 2nd December where Father Christmas will be for the children and other stalls of local trades and charities

Salvation Army – AS all going well full to capacity with foodbank customers, there is enough funding to help all families and individuals – assisting at the More money in your pocket event – all going well at the moment with agencies all working together

Veterans club ...MM the breakfast club is doing well, and they all enjoy meeting up

All agreed to send Julie Medlam get well flowers – MS to sort with AG

Meeting closed due to length of time and many members having to leave

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Dearne Ward Alliance

VIRTUAL MEETING NOTES

Meeting Title:	Dearne North Ward Alliance
Date & Time:	Tuesday 9 th August 2022 – 2pm-3.30pm

Attendees	Apologies
Cllr Alan Gardiner (Chair) – Elected Member Cllr Wendy Cain – Elected member Cllr Sue Bellamy – Elected Member Derek Bramham – Big Local Thurnscoe Glennis Lingard – resident Jackie Kenning – Salvation Army Marie Sinclair – Community Development Officer – Dearne Area Team Guest speaker - Andrea Spencer and community governor rep Malcolm – NHS Barnsley Hospital Trust	Charlotte Williams – Station House Community Association – (Treasurer) Sue Miller – The Hill Primary School Peter Shields (internet problems) Gillian Totty – Community Engagement Officer, Berneslai Homes Twiggs Kevin Frisby BMBC Housing Enforcement

1. Welcomes & introductions:

- Welcome to Andrea Spencer from Barnsley NHS Hospital trust

Andrea highlighted the membership strategy and its effectively engaging with members of the hospital trust and the governors that can be questioned on any matters arising for the Hospital, Andrea gave a good insight into the overall picture for Foundation Trusts in 2021 is one of change, with continuing operational and financial pressures lessening the resource available to develop and engage membership. The impact of these pressures, together with difficult financial choices in healthcare delivery and new models of care, give a renewed importance to ensuring that the public understand and are engaged with the changes being made which membership can be key to delivering – hence requiring more and more members to help check and challenge any processes along the way and give their initial thoughts and ideas and raise any questions that might need addressing. Their vision is to develop an actively engaged and vibrant membership. Over the next three years ideally making a fundamental step change in how they engage and involve their current & new members, building a more active membership and giving members a voice in shaping how the organisation works – followed by Q&A- Action Marie to send all paperwork from Andrea after meeting for anyone who wishes to sign up

Twiggs passed on late apologies due to staffing issues – short discussion took place on matters around environmental issues in the community. AG will address these before/at the next Area Council meeting.

Notes from previous meeting & any matters arising

- All Minutes agreed

2. WA trustee roles renewal

Cllr Gardiner asked the members if anyone would take on the role as treasurer to allow Charlotte Williams to step down from the role, MS also asked for a secretary – no one came forward so outcome was for MS to devise a poster for secretary

3. Finance

AG – Dearne North Ward Alliance current balance **£7966.89** after 4 applications have been approved 2022/23 with a match fund of £450.00 against volunteer time

MS – DNWA working funds - MHW (mental health & wellbeing) £146.32, Healthy holidays £392.00, Thurnscoe activity fund, £1200.00, Thurnscoe environmental fund £448.00

2 applications submitted –

Crafty Chestnuts £556.41 applied for funds to assist in the purchasing of heat press, laptop and public liability to start up their groups – brief discussion took place with concerns about its social media presence and already making funds through the selling of merchandise made by a group member already – decisions – ***deferred for request of more information on their finances and sustainability of the group***

Dearne Area Team - £988 to purchase equipment to enable volunteers and local residents/staff to paint the railings, bridges and areas within parks/social green spaces in Dearne North – ***all agreed to fund***

4. Action Plan completion with projects required

AG – asked all the Ward Alliance members if they had read and understood their role and actions needed to work against the plan, MS advised the Alliance that this will form plans for the next 12 months against the area priorities, everyone thanked MS for her work and all agreed it's a really good plan to work on and delivery the actions agreed. MS will start putting plans in place and set up sub groups to help with forthcoming projects – discussion was had around what everyone

5. Group updates

Big Local Thurnscoe: DB gave a brief update on the plaza and the removal of the container due to anti social behaviour, the board are looking to be holding further events once the dust settles.

Thurnscoe Flower Park: PP stated that the Pictures in the Park event had been a complete success and thanked Marie & Darryl for their hard work and support in getting a first for the park on the map, it's something the park volunteers would love to run again. Pauline gave an update on the marvellous work the volunteers have been doing over the spring and summer and was looking forward to the Autumn and some well-deserved rain!

Salvation Army: Jackie gave an update on the issues that they are having from their families and individuals already feeling the pinch with cost of living crisis. They are seeing their food banks increase daily and the issues keep coming more for energy, Jackie & Alison have secured fundings from the Housing Support Grant to help families/individuals on low incomes and also on breadline – anyone who needs help they are more than happy to see. More in depth discussions were had around how we can help our local people to get through the next few months

6. AOB - NONE

7. Dates & Time of next meeting - Tuesday 11th October 2pm Teams

Dearne Ward Alliance

VIRTUAL MEETING NOTES

Meeting Title:	Dearne North Ward Alliance
Date & Time:	Tuesday 11 th October 2022 – 2pm-3.30pm

Attendees	Apologies
CLlr Alan Gardiner (Chair) – Elected Member CLlr Wendy Cain – Elected member CLlr Sue Bellamy – Elected Member Derek Bramham – Big Local Thurnscoe Glennis Lingard – resident Jackie Kenning – Salvation Army Charlotte Williams – Station House Community Association – (Treasurer) Peter Shields (internet problems) Marie Sinclair – Community Development Officer – Dearne Area Team Nigel Robert – Twiggs Kevin Frisby BMBC Housing Enforcement	Sue Miller – The Hill Primary School (annual leave) Gillian Totty – Community Engagement Officer, Berneslai Homes (annual leave) Pauline Phillips

1. Welcomes & introductions:

- **Welcome Nigel Roberts – Twiggs**

Nigel gave a detailed report on the works they had carried out over past 2 months and the scheduled clean ups coming up this month, he asked for anyone to help on the clean ups and for any hot spots to be passed to him so they could look whether this could be completed by Twiggs team

- **Kevin Frisby – Housing Enforcement Officer BMBC**

Working alongside the Safer neighbourhood's team Kevin Frisby gave a detailed report of his job role and what he brings and helps the community out with. As ex-police officer he knows the struggles people have mentally and physically and likes to treat people with respect and give people the benefit if the doubt if they need help.

This was followed by Q&A session around the issues locally and he discussed at length for what he was able to do within his job role and what it entailed, Kevin also supports homes with the warmer homes team and waste management with regards to their rubbish and recycling especially around hoarding issues also support given to single parents on benefits who are struggling with private rental and cost of living crisis.

Kevin stated in the last Qtr. he had referred 32 bulky rubbish issues but working with the families and individuals to educate them on where to go and what to do for help

WC & JK wanted to say that he has been a massive help in the community and praised his work with the families from the Salvation Army

2. Notes from previous meeting & any matters arising - NONE

3. Finance

AG – Dearne North Ward Alliance **current balance £6978.89** after 5 previous applications been approved 2022/23 with a match fund of £1438.00 against volunteer time

Applications submitted –

- **TADS £3000** to assist in mental health work inside schools in the Dearne – **declined due to logistics around mental health ambassadors within schools and amounts, the WA gave positive feedback on their work and wanted to wish them well**
- **Kronik Warriors £3120.00** to provide accessible boxing and sports in local venues across Goldthorpe – declined due to amount & logistics and sports provision already in the area – **after lengthy discussion application was declined**
- **Rainbow Centre £980.00** – application submitted to replace existing tables with more accessible easy storage ones - **all in favour approved**
- **St Helens mother & toddler group - £510.50** (partial match funding with Churches own funds) – **all agreed**
- **Thurnscoe Library floral activity £400.00** – application submitted to provide after school adults sessions on floral decorating – **all agreed to fund this through working funds Thurnscoe Activity Fund**
- **Memory bench in John Street £1441.80** – Cllr Cain submitted an application for a memorial bench to be located in John Street in Thurnscoe in memory of all those who have lost their lives over the past 20 years, the street has had several deaths including children many years ago in a house fire Cllr Cain approached the area team CDO to help with logistics and prices for this (a brief discussion took place with - **all members in agreement**)

MS – DNWA working funds – balance of £3256.27 MHW £146.32, HH £392.00, ENV £448.00, TA FUNDS £1224, Misc. £1045.95

4. Performance report

AG – asked if everyone had managed to read through the report on the fabulous work the WA and the area team have done over the past 6 months, Darryl was praised for creating the document very well compiled everyone stated – well done!

5. Action Plan & projects outlined

MS – read through the projects that have now been confirmed via the Dearne North WA action plan detailing every project and asking for help where necessary starting with the More money in your pocket the Ward Alliance agreed to fund refreshments and items required to bring the families through the door. Wreath making sessions will be across the Dearne (MS to arrange sessions with individuals, Team to assist in delivering the sessions to ensure sustainability for 2023), education around recycling and littering the 3R's will be starting MS to speak to schools and arrange with WA members who would like to be part of the project. Christmas Market on the main high street was agreed for early December - Other projects were then discussed and will be added to the list for 2023

6. Group updates

Big Local Thurnscoe: DB gave a brief update on the plaza and latest event that BLT held with HEXFLEX doing demonstrations of skateboarding, stating all the families and especially the children enjoyed themselves, the board are looking to be holding further events in the forthcoming months once the weather picks up, Derek informed the WA that the area was waterlogged and surface water wasn't draining but this is being look at with BLT sourcing a drainage company to help with this matter. Derek asked if the Christmas market that cannot be on the high street due to safety on the footpath could be on the plaza, MS to speak to markets and test the ground to see if this could be plausible, she did explain that it may be too much for the team to provide with the projects that have already been started, so suggested an early spring event may be better.

Thurnscoe Flower Park: DB gave update they have been awarded GOLD in the Barnsley in bloom they will be going to the Town Hall to accept the award which is really nice, they are working with anyone who wants to volunteer within the park, usual volunteers are working hard to keep the park looking beautiful, the remembrance will go ahead this year but on a much smaller scale due to the British Legion no longer running in the Dearne. Winter wonderland will be held on Saturday 26th November from 12pm – 6pm all work will be covered by the team who have organised it so no work from the volunteers thankfully this year

Berneslai Homes: The gardening scheme has taken off and gone down well with the tenants, the first tenants' team will be promoting their help with the cost-of-living crisis and how families can access help through BH.

They have a new team leader now in the Dearne David Graham if anyone needs any further help or information regarding what's happening with walkabouts and the team in general.

Salvation Army: Jackie gave an update on the issues that they are having from their families and individuals already feeling the pinch with cost-of-living crisis. They are seeing their food banks increase daily and the issues keep coming more for energy, Jackie & Alison have secured fundings from the Housing Support Grant to help families/individuals on low incomes and on breadline – anyone who needs help they are more than happy to see. More in depth discussions were had around how we can help our local people to get through the next few months – Increase of food parcels now from outside the Dearne so they have had to set up eligibility forms to ensure they can feed the families in the Dearne as a priority

JK stated they are also finding more and more people coming for help ages 16 – 30 which they haven't seen before and not sure why? They have been asked for help with pushchairs and buggies and young people wanting help with costs to get to work

Dearne Memorial Group – Peter has had his laptop cloned and been defrauded out of £2000 from their account from the Credit Union he gave a detailed report into what had happened which has been very upsetting for him and his family. He is trying to keep going but finding no help on tracing his money is making things difficult for him to carry on

Station House – CW reported that they are full to capacity on after school club which is a positive incline, the cost of living has had a massive impact on the community pantry that they have for anyone coming inside the porch area dropping their children off, it's been slow take up at first but they have now seen the basket is emptied every day, JK added they can help provide food if necessary to keep it topped up

The uniform fairy is also going well with many families taking the uniforms regularly it's great to have these local venues, but we possibly need more

7. **AOB** – NONE

8. **Dates & Time of next meeting** - all agreed to have small meetings with xmas fuddle in early December

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BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

DEARNE AREA COUNCIL

**Report of the
Dearne Area Council Manager**

Update on Dearne North and South Ward Alliance Fund Spend

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 This report seeks to inform Members about spend to date from Ward Alliance Funds within the Dearne North and South Area.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 That the Dearne Area Council receives the Dearne North and South Ward Alliance Fund Report and notes any spend to date for the Dearne North and South Ward.

3.0 Introduction

3.1 This report is set within the context of decisions made with regards to Ward Alliance Fund arrangements (Cab16.1.2013/10.3).

3.2 In considering projects for the use of the Ward Alliance Funds, Members are satisfied that the projects identified meet a recognised need for the Ward, are in the wider public interest, and represent value for money.

4.0 Spend to Date

4.1 The **Dearne North Ward Alliance** starting balance for the 2022/23 financial year was £11,186.89 this includes the underspend of £1324.89 from the 2021/22 budget. To date they have provided funds to eight projects at a cost of £7140.30 leaving a balance of **£4,046.59**

The **Dearne South Ward Alliance** starting balance for the 2022/23 financial year was £15,817.72 this includes the underspend of £5,817.72 from the 2022/23 budget. To date they have provided funds to six projects at a cost of £8095.00 leaving a balance of **£7,722.72**

5.0 Appendix

Appendix One: Breakdown of Dearne North and South Ward Alliance Spend

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2022/23 WARD FUNDING ALLOCATIONS

Dearne North Ward Alliance budget

For the 2023 financial year the Ward Alliance has the following available budget.

£10,000 base allocation - **£138.00 2019/20 SA overspend** + CF £1324.89 from 2021/22

£11,186.89 total available funding

<u>App no.</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Project end date</u>	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Allocation remaining</u>
001	Bulky Rubbish referral scheme	March 2023	£1000.00	£10,186.89
002	Hanging baskets on Goldthorpe & Bolton on Dearne shopping	31 st October 2022	£520.00	£9,666.89
003	Thurnscoe Flower Park (Pictures in the Park) run & supported via volunteers & WA members with area team	Aug 2022	£1250.00	£8416.89
004	St Helens Church Hall (jubilee celebrations)	June 2022	£450.00	£7966.89
005	Bridge/metal painting improvements in Dearne North	March 2023	£988.00	£6978.89
006	Rainbow Centre (new accessible tables)	March 2023	£980.00	£5998.89
007	St Helens church hall (set up of new mother & toddler group)	March 2023	£510.50	£5488.39
008	Memorial bench on John Street, Thurnscoe	March 2023	£1441.80	£4046.59

Total spend = £7140.30

Match funded = £2928.50

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2022/23 WARD FUNDING ALLOCATIONS

Dearne South Ward Alliance budget

For the 2023 financial year the Ward Alliance has the following available budget.

£10,000 base allocation + CF £5817.72 from 2021/22 **£15,817.72** total available funding

<u>App no.</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Project end date</u>	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Allocation remaining</u>
001	Bulky Rubbish referral scheme	March 2023	£1000.00	£14,817.72
002	Hanging baskets on Goldthorpe & Bolton on Dearne shopping	31 st October 2022	£275.00	£14,542.72
003	Community support funds – to fund, run & support projects & initiatives throughout Dearne South	31 st March 2023	£4000.00	£10,542.72
004	Dearne Sports Bowling Club (Prospect Rd)	31.12.2022	£880.00	£9,662.72
005	Angling for all	31.03.2023	£1200.00	£8,462.72
006	Bolton Kids Zone	31.03.2023	£740.00	£7,722.72

Total spend = £6155.00

Match funded = £880.00

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